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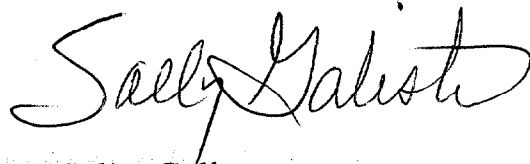
Dear Commissioner Henney,

The rampant overuse of antibiotics to fatten farm animals must be put to a stop. Ever since farmers discovered that antibiotics helped to make their livestock heavier, it has been routinely given to millions of farm animals in this country. Nearly 40% of the antibiotics produced each year are administered on animals and most of it is strictly used for growth promotion. The result has been increasing resistance by bacteria to antibiotics. This has also been linked to antibiotic resistance in humans.

I urge you Commissioner Henney, to place a ban on the "subtherapeutic" use of antibiotics on farm animals, especially those types that are also used by humans.

Thank you for listening to my comments. I hope you will look into this matter immediately and take the needed action against large-scale antibiotic resistance that looms ahead for all of us.

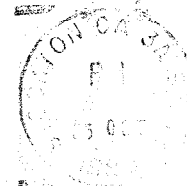
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